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SUBJECT: CHOLERA IN TUNISIA

REF: TUNIS 4452

1. WHO REPRESENTATIVE DR. HESSELVIK ON VACATION UNTIL SEPT 5. BUT HIS OFFICE INFORMS EMBASSY THAT GOT MIN. OF HEALTH HAD BEEN BY-PASSING THEM AND GOING DIRECT TO WHO OFFICE IN GENEVA AND ALEXANDRIA WITH INFO ON CHOLERA SITUATION IN TUNISIA AND REQUESTS FOR SUPPLIES. THEREFORE, ANNOUNCEMENTS BY WHO OFFICES IN EUROPE RE SITUATION IN TUNISIA BASED ON ABOVE. THESE ANNOUNCEMENTS HAVE NOT CAUTIONED AGAINST TRAVEL TO TUNISIA, THEY HAVE BEEN NON-ALARMIST AND CAUTIONED NORAML SAFEGUARDS OF VACCINE AND PERSONAL HYGIENE.

2. LOCAL WHO OFFICE SAID THE PARTICULAR STRAIN OF CHOLERA FOUND HERE IS NOT ESPECIALLY VIRULENT AND PERSONS TAKING NORMAL HYGIENIC PRECAUTIONS MENTIONED REFTEL SHOULD NORMALLY NOT BE THREATENED. THIS ASSERTION MADE IN SPITE OF DEATHS REPORTED REFTEL. WHO LOCAL OFFICE HAS NO FACILITIES TO EVALUATE INDEPENDENTLY THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE GOT MINISTRY OF HEALTH.

3. TUNIS MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM REPORTEDLY NOT
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